



KEIZER BIKEWAYS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010
Keizer Civic Center

David Dempster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were:

Present:

Jerry Lelack
David Dempster
Jim Merrill
Rick Jorgensen

Absent:

Robert Fox, Vice Chair
Cheri Christenson
Jeremy Jensen, Chair
James Taylor, Council Liaison

Staff:

Bill Lawyer, Public Works Superintendent
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Also Present:

Graham Munsell

PUBLIC COMMENTS ~ Graham Munsell from Santiam Bicycle reported on upcoming events urging everyone to check the website: www.santiambicycle.com for additional rides.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jerry Lelack moved to approve the May Minutes. Jim Merrill seconded. Motion passed as follows: Lelack and Dempster in favor; Merrill and Jorgensen abstaining and Fox, Christenson and Jensen absent.

COUNCILOR JIM TIME – Councilor Taylor: Absent

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – Bill Lawyer reported that

- Wheatland Road lighting was approved in the budget, preliminary plans from PGE have been reviewed by City staff and sent back to PGE for revising. The goal is to have the lights installed and operational by the time daylight savings times ends. Also, Public Works Director Rob Kissler submitted a letter of intent for a grant to complete all unfinished curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Wheatland Road and received positive feedback. The Bikeways Committee will be asked for a letter of support as the process continues.
- It is hoped that the Dearborn and Chemawa Roads paving will be complete in September. Paving will begin when Salem finishes their sewer project.
- The City received a grant for curb, gutter, sidewalk, rain gardens, and a signal light on Chemawa Road north to Keizer Rapids Park. The actual sidewalk portion will go to the city limits west of 15th Avenue and then it will become a multi-use path to the park. Staff is waiting on paperwork from Oregon Department of Transportation who will manage the project. The schedule is: 2010-2011 – Design and Right of Way Acquisition; 2012 Construction; October 2012 Completion.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- RiverFair Bikeways Event Planning ~ Members discussed the needs for the event and volunteered to serve doing various tasks.
- Liability Waivers for Future Events ~ Bill Lawyer reported that Tracy Davis is working through issues with insurance on the liability waivers. She hopes to have something next month. He clarified that these would focus primarily on the rides and it is still undetermined if they need to apply to a bike rodeo.
- Boys & Girls Club Bike Safety Classes ~ David Dempster reported that he had been contacted by the Boys & Girls Clubs to do some bike safety classes. Members decided to spend time teaching the children safety, Graham Munsell volunteered to bring wheels so the children could learn how to change a tube in a tire, and time would be allowed following that for the children to ride through a cone course. Several dates were chosen as possibilities with Mr. Dempster agreeing to coordinate with the Boys & Girls Club and to contact members of the committee who were not in attendance to find out when they could assist.

Discussion took place regarding giveaways for the classes and helmet inventory. Graham Munsell volunteered to bring tire levers. He also suggested that someone talk with Cherriots because they may have some solar powered computers for bikes to give away or sell.

Rick Jorgensen moved to authorize David Dempster to spend up to \$300 for giveaways to class participants. Jim Merrill seconded. Motion passed as follows: Lelack, Dempster, Merrill and Jorgensen in favor with Fox, Christenson and Jensen absent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rick Jorgensen introduced himself and explained that he wished there were more bike paths in the city and hoped to develop driver awareness programs and focus on safety and kid training. Jim Merrill voiced his desire to identify Keizer as a bike friendly town. Jerry Lelack suggested that "Share the Road" signs be posted throughout the city.

Members discussed:

- The inadequate marking of Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway route and the need for better maps of bike routes; not just long ones but routes that could be taken safely in area neighborhoods.
- Doing articles for local newspapers on bike safety and legality. Mr. Lawyer suggested that Sgt. LeDay review the articles prior to publication. Jim Merrill agreed to write the articles; Jerry Lelack volunteered to give him three subjects to write about. It was agreed that the articles could be posted on the City website and in the City newsletter as well.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting – August 18, 2010 - Keizer Civic Center, Room A

Minutes Approved: 8-18-10